



# Children's Rights Support in Child Protection



## 'Children's Rights Officers are here just for you.'

The Children's Rights Service is here to help and support you with your rights. Important rights in Child Protection you have are:

- YOUR RIGHT TO BE SAFE
- TO BE WELL LOOKED AFTER
- TO HAVE YOUR SAY AND BE LISTENED TO



We are independent which means we work for you and only you, not for any adults involved in your care or support. We wouldn't do anything on your behalf unless you want us to. Everything we talk about is completely private unless we think that you or someone else is not safe. We would always tell you who we are talking to about that.

## Rights within Child Protection

If you feel sad, scared or worried or hurt you can go to adults for help, like your parents or carers or a nurse, a teacher, social worker or police officer.

Adults who keep you safe might talk about child protection. This is when adults come together to make sure you are safe. They may want to talk to you and others in your family to make sure you are getting the right support.

If someone becomes very worried or concerned about you and thinks you might not be safe:

They should pass on the worries they have to adults who can support you. So adults whose job it is to keep you safe can work together with you and take action.

Information about the worries and your needs will be shared and there may be a special meeting arranged called a Child Protection Planning Meeting.



## 'They stand up for and with you so that you have a voice'

A really important right you have is for adults to listen to you and that is where we can come in as we can help you think about what you want to say and make sure your views are heard.

You have the right for adults to listen carefully to you when deciding what to do next. We can be there just for you so you can understand what is going on.

If there are special meetings organised then we can get to know you and help you think about what you want to say at your meeting. At the meeting everyone will talk about what is going on and make a plan about making things better and safer for you.



## How we can support you

- Get to know you and be there just for you.
- Support your right to be listened to and be safe and ensure adults make decisions that are best for you.
- Help with your views and share these with adults.
- Help you at meetings, if there are any. Support you there if you want to go.
- Stand up for your right to be listened to.
- And to help you understand the decisions that adults make.



## How to get in touch with us at Children's Rights

Find out more about how we can support  
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